

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable garment, comprising:
a chassis defining a waist opening and two leg openings; and
an apparent elastic band in the vicinity of at least one of the waist and leg openings, the apparent elastic band including a color pigment applied to a zone in a targeted elastic material substrate that creates a visible perception of a discrete elastic band on the targeted elastic material substrate where no actual elastic band is present on the targeted elastic material substrate.

2. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1, comprising the apparent elastic band in the vicinity of the waist opening.

3. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1, comprising apparent elastic bands in the vicinity of both leg openings.

4. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1, comprising apparent elastic bands in the vicinity of the waist and leg openings.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The disposable garment of Claim [5] 1, wherein the apparent elastic band comprises [the] a high tension zone of the targeted elastic material, and a strip of extendible inelastic material over the high tension zone.

7. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 6, wherein the extendible inelastic material comprises a spunbond web.

8. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 7, wherein the spunbond web comprises a neck-stretched spunbond web.

9. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 6, wherein the extendible inelastic material comprises a meltblown web.

10. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 6, wherein the extendible inelastic material comprises a carded web selected from bonded carded webs and hydraulically entangled webs.

11. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 6, wherein the extendible inelastic material comprises an air laid web.

12. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 6, wherein the extendible inelastic material comprises a polymer film.

13. (Currently Amended) The disposable garment of Claim [5] 1, wherein the apparent elastic band comprises [the] a high tension zone of the targeted elastic material, and a band of color pigment in or over the high tension zone.

14. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 6, wherein the strip of extendible inelastic material further comprises a color pigment.

15. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent garment, comprising:
a chassis including an absorbent composite structure and side panels
extending from the absorbent composite structure;

waist and leg openings defined by the chassis; and

an apparent elastic band in the vicinity of at least one of the waist and leg
openings, the apparent elastic band including a color pigment applied to a zone in a
targeted elastic material substrate that creates a visible perception of a discrete elastic band
on the targeted elastic material substrate where no actual elastic band is present on the
targeted elastic material substrate.

16. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 15,
comprising the apparent elastic band in the vicinity of the waist opening.

17. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 15,
comprising apparent elastic bands in the vicinity of the leg openings.

18. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 15,
comprising apparent elastic bands in the vicinity of the waist and leg openings.

19. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 15,
comprising apparent elastic bands in the side panels, further comprising at least one elastic
band on the chassis substantially aligned with an apparent elastic band.

20. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim
15, wherein the side panels comprise [a] the targeted elastic material, the targeted elastic
material having high and low tension zones.

21. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 20,
wherein the targeted elastic material comprises a targeted elastic laminate.

22. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 21, wherein the apparent elastic band comprises a high tension zone of the targeted elastic laminate, and a strip of extendible inelastic material over the high tension zone.

23. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 22, wherein the extendible inelastic material comprises a nonwoven web.

24. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 23, wherein the nonwoven web comprises a neck-stretched nonwoven web.

25. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 21, wherein the apparent elastic band comprises a high tension zone of the targeted elastic laminate, and a band of color pigment in or over the high tension zone.

26. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of Claim 22, wherein the strip of extendible inelastic material further comprises a color pigment.

27. (Currently Amended) A disposable garment, comprising:
a chassis defining one or more openings; and
an apparent elastic band in the vicinity of at least one of the openings, the apparent elastic band including a color pigment applied to a zone in a targeted elastic material substrate that creates a visible perception of a discrete elastic band on the targeted elastic material substrate where no actual elastic band is present on the targeted elastic material substrate.

28. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a diaper.

29. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a training pant.

30. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a feminine hygiene article.
31. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising swim wear.
32. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising an absorbent underpant.
33. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a protective gown.
34. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a protective cap.
35. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a protective glove.
36. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a protective drape.
37. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 27, comprising a protective face mask.